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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Masahiro Watanabe

Application No.: 09/603,459

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APPARATUS AND AUTOMATIC  
ASTIGMATISM ADJUSTMENT  
METHOD

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed February 28, 2004 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 1515 of this paper.

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